

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor milestone events in the
4 lives of the citizens of the State of Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, It has come to our attention that Ronald Foster
6 is retiring from his duties as Mayor of Glen Carbon,
7 Illinois; and

8 WHEREAS, Mayor Foster has served as Mayor for the Village
9 of Glen Carbon for the past 37 years; and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure, Ronald Foster has
11 accomplished many of his goals which include, completing a
12 major sanitary sewer main construction project that
13 eliminated all existing sewage treatment plants in the area;
14 participating in major water improvement projects that have
15 resulted in improved water quality and quantity; obtaining
16 funds to reconstruct Meridian and Glen Crossing Road;
17 establishing the Historical Preservation Commission; and
18 encouraging the board of trustees to purchase the Illinois
19 Central Railroad Right of Way which now serves as the Ronald
20 J. Foster Heritage Bike Trail; and

21 WHEREAS, Mayor Foster's other achievements include, his
22 work to improve the following roadways: Center Grove Road,
23 Illinois 159, Cottonwood Road, Kettle River Drive, Junction
24 Drive extension, the creation of Glen Carbon Centennial
25 Library and the establishment of Glen Carbon's first Senior
26 Citizen/Community Center; he pioneered Greenspace
27 preservation for the Village residents; and he worked
28 diligently to streamline local government which has resulted
29 in beneficial intergovernmental agreements with other
30 governmental bodies such as Madison County, Granite City,
31 Edwardsville, Maryville, and Troy; and

1 WHEREAS, During his term, Mayor Ronald Foster set the
2 economic policy of the Village using money generated from the
3 increase in the sales tax rather than increasing real estate
4 taxes; since 1984, real estate taxes have declined while the
5 sales tax has increased; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Ronald Foster was the recipient of the
7 East/West Gateway Coordinating Council's Gateway Award for
8 his involvement in the creation of the Madison County
9 Regional Wastewater Treatment System; and

10 WHEREAS, Mayor Ronald Foster has accomplished an
11 outstanding 37 years of dedicated service to the Village of
12 Glen Carbon; during his tenure, he has accomplished numerous
13 deeds that has improved the quality of life for the
14 residents; his presence will be sorely missed; therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
17 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
18 we congratulate Mayor Ronald Foster for his dedicated service
19 to the Village of Glen Carbon, Illinois, and we wish him well
20 in his retirement; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
22 presented to Mayor Ronald Foster and an expression of our
23 esteem.